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In re Application of:

Huonker et al.

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee and examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-28, without prejudice, and substitute the following new claims 29-56 therefor:

- 29. A laser amplifying system comprising:

a plate-like solid-state body having two oppositely located flat sides,

a laser active medium,